Heritage Statement

Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall – *Flat Roof Replacement Works*

Location

The town hall building (circled in green) is located in the town of Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire (SK23 0HP) (see photo 1). The town hall is situated on Market Street and within the Chapel-en-le-Frith conservation area (see photo 2).

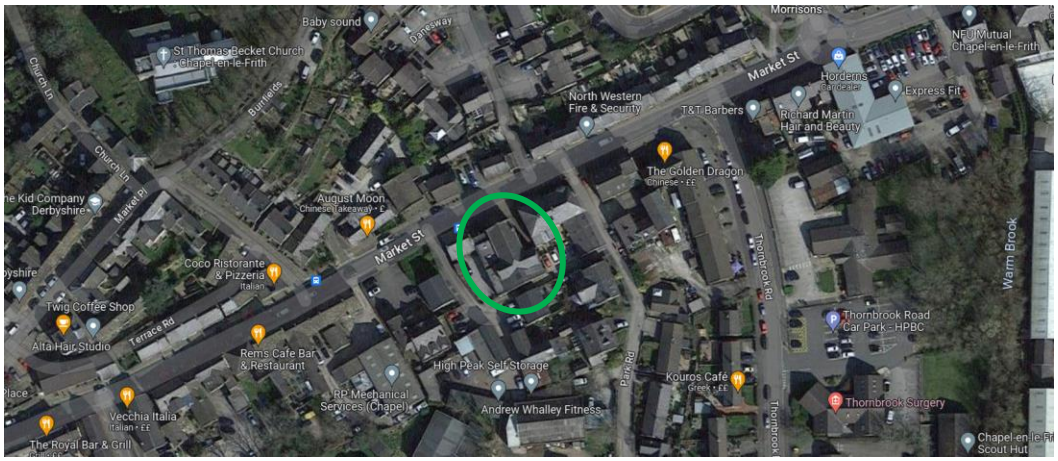

Photo 1: Aerial Photograph

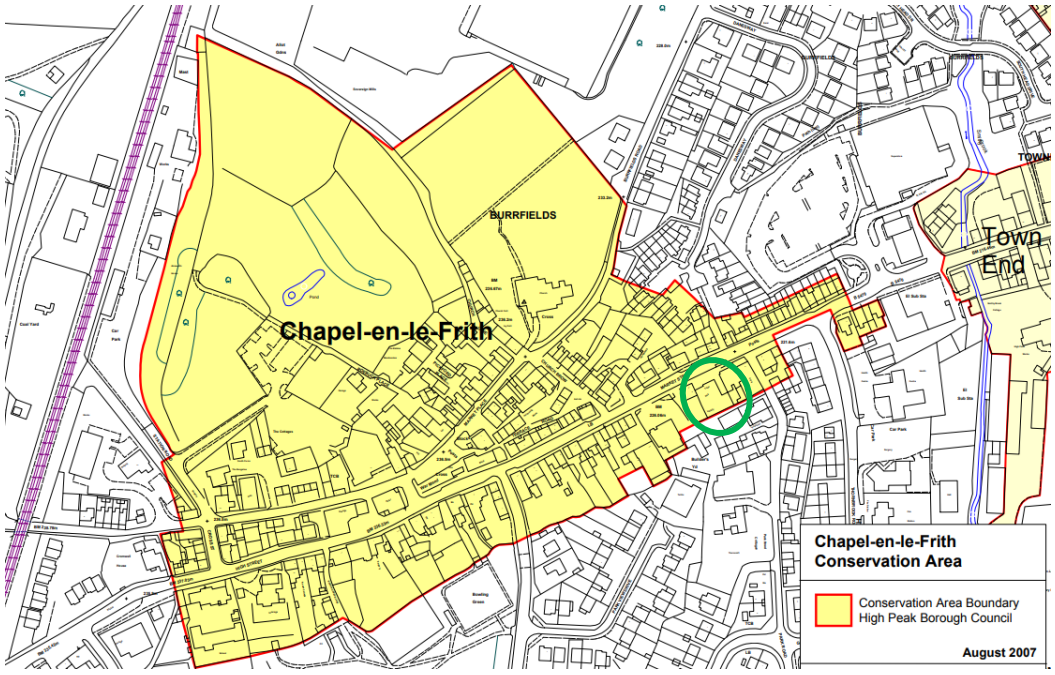

Photo 2: Conservation Area

Proposal

The current flat roof at the town hall has been experiencing a number of defects over recent years with leaks and standing water noted in a number of different areas across the area of the flat roof. Under the proposal Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council wish to replace the roof covering to the areas as indicated on the included plans, which amounts to approximately 106m^2.

In order to improve the thermal efficiency of the roof it is also proposed to install a new cut-to-falls PIR insulation system which will increase the height of the roof finish by between 50mm and 180mm. The current coverings are a mixture of EPDM to the front area and mineral felt with limestone chippings to the remainder of the current roof. It is proposed that the new covering will be mineral felt, with the colour specified as Charcoal.

Impact Assessment

The town hall building is situated on Market Street, within the Chapel-en-le-Frith conservation area, which was originally designated in 1971, with its original boundary extended in 1994 and then again in 2004.

The Town Hall (Photo 3) is located at lower end of Market Street, on the eastern edge of the conservation area. The area predominantly consists of two storey residential properties along its northern edge with commercial and public buildings located along the southern edge. Owing to its size the Town Hall is one of the most prominent buildings within the area, as along with the Methodist Chapel, No. 34 Market Street and Hearse House built 1818, they provide the only exceptions to the otherwise continuous row of terraced dwellings and commercial properties.



Photo 3: Front Elevation of the Town Hall. Flat Roof Located to the Ride-Hand Side

The flat roof in question cannot be viewed from street level on Market Street as it is being shielded by the parapet wall to the front elevation. Furthermore, the proposed finish of the roof will be in Charcoal coloured mineral felt to match the existing aesthetic, and the height will only be raised by approximately 180mm, staying under the height of the parapet. Therefore, we believe there'll be no visual impact from or to Market Street with the proposed work.

New elements, such as the additional course(s) of masonry to the right-hand side elevation of the building (Photo 4) and rainwater goods, will be sourced to match the existing coursed gritstone rubble and black metal gutters and downpipes. We believe that the visual impact of the work, when viewed from Sunday School Lane, will be greatly minimised by the proposed approach in utilising materials to match the existing.



Photo 4: Ride-Hand Side Elevation of the Town Hall. Coursed Gritstone Rubble Walls and Metal Rainwater Goods.

Conclusion

To conclude, the proposed scheme has been put forward for approval to improve the condition of the roof, and thermal performance at the Town Hall. The Town Hall provides a vital hub and facility to the local community, and improving the condition of the roof will ensure that the Town Hall building remains a viable community facility for the years ahead. We believe the works will have no detrimental effect or impact on the Chapel-en-le-Frith conservation area as the new roof finish will not be visible from Market Street and intervention on the existing envelope on the Sunday School Lane elevation will both be minimal and carried out in materials to match the existing.